

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Apparatus comprising:

- a telescoping staff assembly including an upper staff member;
- a steering light mounted near the top of the upper staff member;
- a fastener device capable of mounting a base portion of the staff assembly to a barge.

2. Apparatus comprising:

- a staff assembly including a staff member;
- a steering light mounted near the top of the staff member;
- a fastener device capable of mounting a base portion of the staff assembly to a barge.

3. Apparatus comprising:

- a telescoping staff assembly including an upper staff member;
- a barge steering light mounted near the top of the upper staff member.
- a fastener device capable of mounting a base portion of the staff assembly to a barge.

4. Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the fastener is clamped to the staff assembly.

5. Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the fastener is adapted to clamp to a coaming on a barge.

6. Apparatus according to claim 1 further including a bow amber light supported on the telescoping staff assembly.

7. Apparatus according to claim 1 further including lashing ties on the staff assembly.

8. Apparatus according to claim 1 further including a watertight electrical system for providing power to the steering light.

9. A method comprising:

supporting a steering light on the bow of a barge using a telescoping staff assembly that includes an upper staff member that supports the steering light; and

further including clamping the telescoping staff assembly to the barge and lashing it down.

10. A method according to claim 9 further including supporting a bow amber light on the telescoping staff assembly.

11. A method according to claim 9 further including using lashing ties on the staff assembly.

12. A method according to claim 9 further including using a watertight electrical system for providing power to the steering light.

13. A method comprising supporting a steering light on the bow of a barge using a telescoping staff assembly that includes an upper staff member that supports the steering light.

14. Apparatus comprising a portable shield system including a navigation light wherein the shield includes an aluminum base and aluminum back and side walls, and further including a fastener to fasten the assembly to a barge.